

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 27-31.

In this regard, a new set of claims has been presented.

New main claim 27 essentially corresponds to previous claim 1 amended per the Examiner's suggestion in Official Action paragraph 1, namely, reciting that "all of the peaks on a pore diameter distribution curve of said recording layers lie in a pore diameter in the range of 2nm to 100nm".

New claim 28 depends on claim 27 and includes the features of previous claim 3.

New claim 29 depends on claim 27 and includes the features of previous claim 5.

New claim 30 depends on claim 27 and includes the features of previous claim 15.

New claim 31 depends on claim 30 and is analogous to new claim 29.

It is considered that the above amendment now clearly distinguishes over Miyamoto and thus the rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 13 to 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over this reference is untenable and inapplicable to the present claims.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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